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1. SUMMARY. SEVEN OF THE THIRTEEN MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF OPPOSITION MONIMA PARTY HAVE DECIDED THAT MONIMA SHOULD RETURN TO THE NATIONAL FRONT FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE REVOLUTION (NFDR). THIS GREATLY REDUCES THE OVERT OPPOSITION TO THE PRESENT REGIME OF PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESS OF AUGUST 26 CARRIED PARTIAL TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE BY SEVEN MEMBERS OF MONIMA ANNOUNCING THIS DECISION. IN ADDITION, THE COMMUNIQUE OBJECTS TO THE FULL POWERS ARROGATED TO HIMSELF BY MONIMA LEADER MONJA JAONA, WITHOUT CONSULTING THE PARTY HIERARCHY, AND TO HIS UNILATERAL DECISION NOT TO RETURN TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE NFDR (APPARENTLY MADE SINCE WITHDRAWAL ON JUNE 18). COMMUNIQUE CONCLUDES BY SAYING THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE CONSIDERATIONS AND IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA'S APPEAL BEFORE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO ALL FORCES OF THE LEFT ON JULY 28 (REF C), MONIMA WILL REJOIN THE FRONT, AND THE SIGNERS URGE "THE MALAGASY PEOPLE AND ALL PARTISANS OF THE REVOLUTION" TO DO LIKEWISE.

3. SIGNERS OF COMMUNIQUE WERE: REMANINDRY JAONA, TSIHOZONY MAHARANGA, RAZAFINDRABE ANDRE, REVORIA SAMUEL, TSITELO EMILSON, REKOLAKY BERNARDIN, AND REDARA JEAN MARC.

4. COMMENT: IT IS NOT CLEAR TO ME HOW THESE SEVEN MEN CAN COMMIT THE WHOLE MONIMA PARTY, BUT TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE OBVIOUSLY ASSUMES THAT THEY CAN. AS MONIMA WAS ONLY LEGAL POLITICAL PARTY OUTSIDE OF THE NATIONAL FRONT, THIS MOVE REDUCES TO PRACTICALLY NOTHING THE DECLARED OPPOSITION TO THE PRESENT REGIME, THUS CONTRIBUTING TO RATSIRAKA'S OBJECTIVE, ANNOUNCED AND IMPLEMENTED DURING RECENT GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION (REF A), OF ABSORBING AS WIDE A SEPECTRUM AS POSSIBLE OF THE POLITICAL SCENE INTO HIS GOVERNING APPARATUS. STRUGGLE FOR POLITICAL POWER AND INFLUENCE WILL NOW MORE THAN EVER BE FOUGHT WITHIN THE NEW GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS RATHER THAN ON THE PUBLIC HUSTINGS.
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